(b) The Government of India has on a number of occasions expressed to the United States Government its concern that U.S. supplies of sophisticated armaments to Pakistan, more than that country's legitimate defence requirements, leads to an arms race in the Sub-continent, which in turn results in diversion of scarce resources away from development.

Setting up of Directorate of Passengers' Amenities

915. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a Directorate of passengers' Amenities in place of one Man Passenger Committees; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A Directorate of Passenger Amenities has already been set up and is functioning in Board's Office since March, 1988 in addition to One Man Passenger Amenities Committee set up in April, 1986.

Release of US Military and Economic Assistance to Pakistan

916. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on a public assertion by Pak Prime Minister during her visit to USA in June this year, to the effect that Pakistan does not possess a nuclear weapon USA has released the promised US military and security related economic assistance;

(b) if so, whether in this context Government took the opportunity to draw the US Administration's attention to the statement of Pak-Ambassador to the US, Mr. Jamshed K.A. Marker, in February 1989 that Pakistan was on the "Threshold" of developing nuclear weapons, and if so, what was the US Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) how much US aid has been or is being released to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The US administration's proposal for security assistance to Pakistan for FY 1989-90 is still under conideration of the US Congress.

(b) From time to time, Government of India has expressed its serious concern regarding Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme. Since Ambassador Marker's statements were made in a television interview in the US which received wide publicity, GOI presume that the US Government is aware of these statements. GOI is not aware of any official reaction of the US Government to Mr. Marker's interview.

(c) For FY 1989-90, the US administration has proposed a security assistance package to Pakistan amounting to US $ 241 million. The Aid Bill is under consideration of Congress.

Facilities to Sports persons going abroad

917. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what are the facilities given by the Government to sports persons during the international meets abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): For events like the Olympics, Common-

wealth and Asian Games, Government meets the entire cost of international travel, necessary excess baggage, expenses on boarding and lodging and incidental expenses.

For other approved events, Government meets the international travel cost of sports persons and specified official, and release foreign exchange for local expenes abroad. In disciplines like yachting and growing, Government also bears the cost of hiring/transporting boais and other equipment.

Nepal's move for Revival of Status of the people of Indian Origin in that Country

918. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is concerned at the reported moves of Nepal to revive the status of Lakhs of people of Indian origin in that country; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are conisdering to take in view of the Nepalese proposal and how many Indians would be affected thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Such reports have come to Government's attention. These reports are not clear about the number of persons that would be affected. Whenever any cases of discrimination against or harassment of any Indian national in Nepal comes to the notice of the Government, these are immediately taken up with His Majesty's Government of Nepal with a view to securing prompt redress. Government continues to follow the developments in this regard closely and to take appropriate action when necessary.

Developing Gangaram Port as a Satellite Port

919. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for developing Gangaram near Visakhapatnam as Satellite Port in order to avoid congestion and pollution at Visakhapatnam Port for handling steel and petro-chemical products;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider the possibility of developing this satellite port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No requirement for a satellite port near Visakhapatnam has been made out.

India's initiative on Kampuchean problem

920. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what further initiative is likely to be taken by Government of India on the Kampuchean problem; and

(b) when the conference of all concerned countries including China and Vietnam is likely to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) An International Conference on Cambodia is expected to be inaugurated in Paris on 30th July, 1989. India is proposing to participate in this Conference where we will play a constructive and creative role in finding a political solution to the Cambodian problem.